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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - ART UNIT 1621  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-  
HYDROXY-3-OXOPENTANOIC ACID  
DERIVATIVES

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2004.

**No Amendments have been made to the Claims in this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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